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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION.

For Discovering and Apprehending any Person guilty of the Murder of Thomas Ball, or of any Murder or Robbery in the Streets of London, or Westminster.

GEORGE R.

WHereas we have received Information, that on the Twenty fourth Day of January last, between the Hours of Six and Seven in the Evening, Thomas Ball was barbarously murdered in his own House, in Southwark, by William Blewet, Edward Burnworth, alias Frazier, Emanuel Dickenson, and Thomas Berry, and four other Persons unknown, who came armed on purpose to commit that inhuman Act; and whereas the said Offenders, or others of their Accomplices, have in a most insolent Manner menaced several of our Peace Officers, in order to deter them from doing their Duty, and have appeared publickly in the Streets with Fire-Arms, threatening the Destruction of any that should endeavour to apprehend them, to the great Terror of our peaceable Subjects, and have also been guilty of divers Robberies committed with open Force and Violence, in the Streets of our Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs thereof, in ~~Defiance of our Laws~~; We, being firmly resolved to exert our Royal Care for the Preservation of the Lives and Properties of our loving Subjects, and to put an effectual Stop to all such horrid Practices, have thought fit, with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby promise and declare, That if any of the Persons concerned in the said Murder (except the said William Blewet, Edward Burnworth, alias Frazier, Emanuel Dickenson, and Thomas Berry, and also except the Person who actually shot the said Thomas Ball) shall discover the said William Blewet, Edward Burnworth, alias Frazier, Emanuel Dickenson, and Thomas Berry, or any of them, or any other of the Persons guilty of the Murder of the said Thomas Ball, so as they may be apprehended and convicted of such Offence, such Discoverer shall have our gracious Pardon; and as a further Encouragement to the Discovery of such notorious Offenders, we do hereby promise and declare, that any Person or Persons (except as before excepted) who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, the said William Blewet, Edward Burnworth, alias Frazier, Emanuel Dickenson, and

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Thomas Berry, or any one or more of them, or any other of the Persons guilty of the said Murder, or any other Person, who, within the Space of two Months last past, hath committed, or hereafter shall commit, any Murder or Robbery with Force and Violence, in any of the Streets of our Cities of London or Westminster, shall have and receive, for every such Offender discovered and apprehended, so as he may be convicted thereof, the following Rewards; that is to say, For every one of the Persons herein before particularly named the Sum of Three hundred Pounds, and for every such other Offender the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, over and above all other Rewards, to which the said Person or Persons may, by any Act of Parliament be entitled; which said respective Sums the Commissioners of our Treasury, or our High Treasurer of Great Britain for the Time being, are hereby directed and required to pay accordingly, without any further or other Warrant in that Behalf; and if the Person so discovering and apprehending any Offender guilty of any such Murder or Robbery in the Streets, as aforesaid, (excepting the Person actually giving a Wound in any such Murder) shall have been an Accomplice in such Murder or Robbery, and by Reason thereof shall stand in Need of our most gracious Pardon, we do hereby further promise and declare, that such Person shall have our most gracious Pardon. And to the End that the Persons above named may be the more easily discovered and brought to condign Punishment, We do hereby publish, that we have received the following Descriptions of the said Persons, viz. That William Blewet is above Six Foot high, with black Eye-brows, his Teeth broke before, a hoarse Voice, and about Twenty eight Years of Age: Edward Burnworth, a well set Man, of a middle Stature, fair Complexion, and about Twenty five Years of Years: Emanuel Dickenson, a thin Man, about Five Foot Ten Inches high, with a large Scar under his Chin, about Twenty two Years of Age: And Thomas Berry, commonly called Teague, a short Man, with dark brown Cloaths, and a natural Wig. And lastly, We do hereby strictly charge and command all our Justices of the Peace, and all other our Officers whatsoever, that they do use their utmost Diligence and Endeavours, in their several Places and Stations, to find out, discover, and apprehend any such Offenders, upon Pain of Our high Displeasure.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twelfth Day of February, 1725. and in the Twelfth Year of Our Reign.
GOD save the KING.

AT



AT the Court at St. James's, the 12th Day of
February 1725.

P R E S E N T.

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint Robert Hempton of Haughley, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Suffolk.

St. James's, February 14.

The following humble Address of the Synod of Glenelg, having been transmitted by Mr. Daniel Mc Aulay their Moderator, to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

Unto the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Synod of Glenelg.

May it please your Majesty,

BEING now convened in our first Meeting under your Majesty's gracious Protection, we desire to acknowledge the good Providence of God therein, and to bless His Name for the Hopes we have of being enabled, thro' His Grace, under the Influence of your auspicious Reign, to carry on a Reformation in the Bounds committed to our Charge, and cannot but with grateful Hearts take Notice of your Majesty's Royal Bounty for maintaining Itinerant Preachers and Catechists in these Parts, where Ignorance and Popery do so much abound, and so find it to our sweet Satisfaction and Experience, that God hath raised up your Majesty to be a Nursing Father to his Church.

Allow us, Great Sir, to joyn the rest of the Reformed Christian World, and admire your Zeal and indefatigable Labours for the Support and Tranquility of the Protestant Churches abroad, as well as in those Dominions which are by undoubted Right properly your own, by which 'tis obvious, that the Title of Defender of the Faith is more peculiarly due to your Majesty, than to him who first received it: And also rejoyce that God hath remarkably blessed your great and noble Endeavours with a more lasting and universal Peace in Europe, since the happy Day of your Accession to the Throne of these Dominions, than former Ages can boast of; which we are perswaded gives you a Right to the Blessings entailed upon Peace-Makers.

We will not presume to lay before your Majesty a distinct Account of the lamentable State of our Bounds, they being of vast Extent, more than 400 Miles in Circumference, and yet but Twenty Ministerial Charges therein; in some Places the Reformation never got any Footing, the People are poor, and without Letters, for Want of Funds to maintain Ministers or Seminaries of Education among them, tho' the Natives be singularly ingenious, and many of them fond of Knowledge; so that Popery and Ignorance prevail among us. But now when your Majesty is providing the Means of Knowledge, we hope in a short Time the Fruits of your Majesty's Bounty and laudable Endeavours will appear to the great Satisfaction of all such as value Religion, or love the Welfare of their Country, so as to move your Majesty to continue your Royal Grant: For, what Success

may not be expected, when God is pleased to employ so glorious an Instrument as your Majesty to advance and protect the Kingdom of His Beloved Son; so that your People want nothing to make them happy but to value and improve their Mercies.

Our Work is great, and we have but few Instruments to be employed in it; but the Cause is good, and your Majesty's concerning your self in it, gives Life and Vigour to our Endeavours, and is our greatest Encouragement, under God, in whose Strength we resolve to go on in his own Work, laying our Account with Opposition, yet only from such as are Enemies to your Majesty's Person and Government.

But as we know it our Duty, so we make it our Study to inculcate Loyalty into our People, and to have all Vacancies within our Bounds planted with able and well-affected Ministers, that Nothing may be wanting on our Part proper to reduce those under our Inspection, to fear God, and honour the King.

The Want of Persons clothed with your Majesty's Authority and Power of Jurisdiction to administer Justice and punish Vice, in many Places, and particularly in the Isles, and nearest Part to them of the Continent, doth much obstruct this good Work, as well as your Majesty's Service; so that it would tend much to the Peace of your Majesty's Government, and Good of your Subjects, if fit Persons were commissioned to reside in some of those Places at greatest Distance, to see the Laws duly executed, and Care taken of your Majesty's Interest.

We pray your Majesty may live long, and have a prosperous Reign; that the Prince and Princess, with their Royal Progeny, may be under the Protection of the Almighty, by whom Kings reign, and Princes decree Justice; and that there may not be wanting one of your illustrious House to sway the Scepter of these your Dominions, until there shall be Time no more.

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the Synod of Glenelg, North-Britain.

Signed in our Name, and by our Appointment, by Daniel Mc Aulay, Moderator.

An humble Address of the Committee of His Majesty's Convention of Royal Burrows, has been presented to His Majesty by John Campbell, Esq; Member of Parliament for the City of Edinburgh, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The Committee of His Majesty's Convention of Royal Burrows,

Most humbly Represents,

THAT our Duty to your Sacred Majesty, and Concern for our Country, make us reflect, with the utmost Detestation, on the Tumults and Riots which of late have happened in some Places of Scotland, on putting in Execution the late Act imposing a Duty on Malt.

That the Convention of your Majesty's Burrows, at the first Appearances of these Disorders,

did what lay in their Power to prevent them, and it was with peculiar Sorrow they heard that any of the Burrows were the unhappy Scene of them.

That as it has been, so it always will be, our unwearied Endeavour to act on the Principles of Loyalty to your Majesty and your Royal Protestant Family, sent to us by the special and kind Providence of God, to support and maintain our Liberties and Holy Religion, and therefore to disappoint all the bad Arts, or open Attempts of the Enemies to your Majesty's Administration, and to our sacred and civil Rights, under whatever Mask they disguise themselves.

That we cannot be more fully persuaded of our own Firmness to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government, than we are of your royal and gracious Intentions for the Welfare and Happiness of all your People; and therefore are encouraged to hope that your Majesty will not be provok'd against us by the insolent and wicked Practices of those who are ill affected to your Government, and to all who faithfully adhere to it, and the true Interest of their Country; and that your Royal Ear will be still open to our most humble and dutiful Requests.

That we have been, and are for giving all due Obedience to your Majesty's Laws; and cannot think of any Method of being relieved from such Things, as we apprehend to be heard upon us, but by humbly representing it to your most gracious Majesty and your Parliament; and therefore we beg Leave, with the most profound Submission, to represent,

That the Malt Tax is a Burthen too heavy for this Country to bear, our Poverty and want of Coin, the great Decay of our Trade, and the hitherto unsuccessful Attempts to relieve it, the Meanness of our Grain, especially this Year, occasioned by the unnatural Season, are melancholly Truths too certain and universally known, and are so many Proofs of our Inability to support the Weight of this new Tax.

That this Burthen will further incapacitate us to carry on the Fishing Trade and such other Branches of Commerce and Manufacture as Scotland appears peculiarly designed for, and whereby we hoped to improve this Part of your Majesty's Dominions, and to render ourselves and our Fellow Subjects more able to serve your Majesty on all Occasions.

May it therefore please your most excellent Majesty to consider our Circumstances, and to grant us such Relief as to your great Wisdom and Goodness shall seem fit.

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most loyal, most dutiful, and most obedient Subjects and Servants.

Sign'd in Name and in Presence of the Committee, by

Jo. Drummond, Preses.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer.

I Am very sensible of the Loyalty, Duty, and Affection of my Royal Burrows of Scotland, which I have so often experienced, that I was greatly surpris'd to find that the Arts and Endeavours of disaffected and designing Men had been able to raise such Tumults and Disorders in many Parts of Scotland, upon the Execution of

an Act of Parliament for raising a Duty, imposed by Authority of the Legislature of the United Kingdoms of Great-Britain: And as the Royal Burrows do most justly reflect with the utmost Detestation upon such dangerous and illegal Proceedings, I can never think of giving the least Countenance to an open Disfiance of My Authority, and Disobedience to the Laws of the Land; a dutiful Submission and Compliance with the Laws under any supposed Haroship, being a better Recommendation to obtain legal Redress, than Violence and Contempt of the Legislative Authority.

An humble Address of the High-Constable, Petty-Constables, and the rest of the Peace-Officers of the Tower Hamlets in the County of Middlesex, has been presented to His Majesty by Clifford William Phillipps High-Constable, Joshua Gilbert and Joseph Cooper Constables, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

St. James's, February 7.

This Day General Diemer Minister from the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel, had a private Audience of His Majesty, to which he was introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

Leicester-House, February 9.

This Day General Diemer had his first private Audiences of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, in their respective Apartments, being introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, February 11.

This Day General Diemer was introduced to his first private Audience of the young Princesses, by the Master of the Ceremonies.

The Anniversary Meeting of The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, will be held at the Vestry-Room belonging to the Church of St. Mary Le Bow in Cheapside, on Friday the 18th of this Instant February, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon: Upon which Occasion, there will be a Sermon preached by the Right Reverend Father in God Joseph Lord Bishop of Gloucester; Prayers beginning at Eleven of the Clock.

Trustees Office South-Sea-House, Feb. 11, 1725.

The Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for Sale of the Estates of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company and others give Notice, That they intend to expose to Sale by Cant or Auction, to the best Bidder, in the Hall of the South-Sea-House, on Wednesday the 16th Day of March next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, the several Estates following, viz. Two Freehold Houses in James-street in the City of Westminster, late the Estate of Sir William Chapman, Kt. and Bar, one of the said late Directors. The Mannor of Chilcompton in the County of Somerset, and the Lands and Tenements thereto belonging, late the Estate of Francis Hawer, Esq; one of the said late Directors. A Freehold Estate at Heavetree, near the City of Exeter in the County of Devon, late the Estate of Richard Houl-ditch, Esq; one of the said late Directors. Several Freehold Farms in Canvey Island, in the County of Essex, late